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METRO

■ Sacramento

10-month term in statutory rape

Robert S. Beckinger, the owner of Beck's Furniture, was sentenced Friday to 10 months in county jail after pleading no contest to the statutory rape of a 16-year-old girl last summer.

The sentence was handed down by Sacramento Superior Court Judge Patrick Marlette, who said Beckinger had not fully grasped "the horrible consequences" of his crime – even though Beckinger told the court he was "very sorry."

The victim, a longtime friend of the Beckinger family, was raped several times by the defendant in his Folsom home in July and August, prosecutor Donell Slivka said.

At the time, the girl was 16 and he was 57.

Beckinger, who had no prior record, owns furniture stores in Carmichael and Rancho Cordova.

As part of a plea deal, he had pleaded no contest to a single felony count of having unlawful sex with the girl.

Beckinger, who had been free on bail, was sent to jail immediately.

He will not be allowed in the work furlough project, but with good behavior he could be freed in seven months, Slivka said.

– Edgar Sanchez

■ Sacramento County

Car rolls over, kills man

A prominent former Sacramento businessman died Friday afternoon when he was accidentally run down in his driveway by his own car, the California Highway Patrol said.

Alexander Fahn, 76, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident, which occurred shortly before 4 p.m. in the 2600 block of American River Drive, east of Sierra Oaks.

CHP spokesman Max Hartley said the exact cause of the accident remained under investigation.

Fahn parked his car, a 1991 Lexus, inside his garage, which sits atop a steep driveway.

"It appears he came inside his house, then went back out to the garage to get something out of the car," Hartley said.

Somehow the car began to roll down the driveway and Fahn tried to stop it, Hartley said. The car rolled over him.

Fahn was a co-owner of Sacramento Bag Manufacturing Co., 530 Q Street, and was well-known in the Jewish and business community.

– Ralph Montaño

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A California Highway Patrol officer checks the eyes of Sam Ceravolo, 68, on Friday. According to the CHP, Ceravolo, of Sacramento, rear-ended a motorcycle driven by CHP Officer Michelle Shackleford on the westbound Madison Avenue offramp from Interstate 80. Ceravolo claimed he was being chased by an irate motorist. Shackleford suffered only cuts and bruises in the incident.

■ Sacramento County

Motorcycle officer hurt

A California Highway Patrol motorcycle officer was released from Mercy San Juan Hospital on Friday with only cuts and bruises after she was hit by a car on the westbound Madison Avenue offramp from Interstate 80 earlier in the day.

The driver of the car that struck Officer Michelle Shackleford, 31, claimed he was being chased on the freeway by an irate driver and was trying to escape when he got off at Madison just before 12:30 p.m.

"This guy was yelling at me and giving me the finger because, I think, he thought I was driving too slowly," said Sam Ceravolo, 68, of Sacramento.

"He was trying to push me off the freeway. When I got on the offramp I was trying to get over and I saw the lady police officer.

"I was terrified. I tried to stop. I'm sorry it happened," Ceravolo said.

Officer Chip Ramirez said Ceravolo's car hit Shackleford's motorcycle from the rear at 25 to 30 mph.

Wearing her helmet, she had just mounted the bike after completing some paperwork on a towed truck. A witness said she was thrown almost straight into the air.

She suffered facial cuts and a bruised left leg.

The accident is under investigation.

– Ted Bell

■ San Francisco

Ex-inmate's suit advances

A transsexual former inmate represented by University of California, Davis, law students can proceed with her lawsuit against five California prison officials who allegedly cut off her hormone treatments after transferring her from one facility to another, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled.

In a unanimous decision handed down last week, the 9th Circuit upheld part of a decision handed down earlier by U.S. District Judge David Levi in Sacramento.

The circuit judges agreed with Levi that the officials were not immune from a suit claiming they had violated Torey Tuesday South's clearly established right to consideration of her serious medical needs.

The appellate panel said it lacked jurisdiction at this point in the litigation to review Levi's findings about the facts of the case.

South was represented by students from the King Hall Civil Rights Law Clinic at UC Davis.

– Claire Cooper

REGIONAL

■ Reno

Paper target of protesters

Three dozen people picketed the Reno Gazette-Journal newspaper, claiming the publisher's seat on the board of directors of a large casino taints the newspaper's editorials and news coverage.

Several protesters carried signs in front of the newspaper this week urging Sue Clark-Johnson, publisher and president of the Gannett-owned newspaper, to resign her position on the board of Harrah's Entertainment Inc.

Clark-Johnson said the allegations of biased reporting were false and unsubstantiated.

The protesters were a collection of activists and past political candidates, including several who rallied against demolition of the historic Mapes Hotel-Casino in Reno in January and a few who have had a running feud with the Reno City Council.

"She's on the board of directors of Harrah's, and that's a direct conflict of interest," said Mike Robinson, a Reno real estate broker.

Kerri Garcia, a spokeswoman for Harrah's Reno, said there was no conflict of interest. "She's been on the board for some time now."

– Associated Press

■ BULLETIN BOARD

ALZHEIMER'S AID SOCIETY: Support group meetings are held throughout the greater Sacramento area. For locations and times, call Bea (916) 448-7001.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION: Applicants are being sought to serve on the advisory committee to this county commission. To request an application, call (916) 447-7063, ext. 408, before March 15.

STRIKE OUT STROKE: A free lecture on the risk factors and personal lifestyle changes that can affect these factors is offered from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the UC Davis cancer center auditorium, 4501 X St. Call (530) 754-8679.

BREAKING BARRIERS: Volunteer orientations are offered at 6 p.m. Tuesday, at 10 a.m. March 11 and at 5:30 p.m. March 15 at 1722 J St., suite 321, for those interested in working with people living with HIV. Call (916) 447-2437.

SENIOR GLEANERS INC.: Volunteers ages 50 and older are sought to help feed the hungry, working in the field and warehouse and office locations. All skills are needed. Orientations are held at 8 a.m. every Friday at 3185 Longview Drive, North Highlands. Call (916) 971-1530, ext. 18.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: A celebration of women's history month will be held at noon Wednesday in the California State University, Sacramento, University Union Ballroom. This free event features dancers and drummers. Call (916) 278-6156.

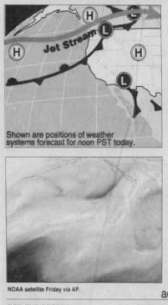
McCLELLAN AFB RETIREES: Meet at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the McClellan Community Center. Call (916) 643-2207.

▶ WEATHER

▶ Sacramento

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Turning cloudy with showers	A few showers; cool	Partly sunny and cool	Partly sunny
High, 63 Low, 44	High, 58 Low, 38	High, 58 Low, 38	High, 61 Low, 40

▶ What's going on?



Shown are positions of weather systems forecast for noon PST today.

NOAA satellite Friday via AP.

An exiting storm system will continue to produce a few showers and thunderstorms in Southern California today, and a new storm system will spread showers southward through the state. Showers will hold off until this afternoon and tonight in the Sacramento area, and rain amounts will generally be light. An upper-level storm system will bring showers and a couple of thunderstorms to California Sunday, and snow levels will be low.

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FOR THE RECORD

■ Friday's high temperature downtown was 66, the low was 40.

■ Temperature extremes on record for March 3 since 1877: highest, 80 in 1929; lowest, 31 in 1951. Normals for March 3 are 64 and 45.

■ Humidity at 4 p.m. at Executive Airport: 62 percent.

■ Sea-level barometer 4 p.m. Friday: 29.94"

SACRAMENTO RAINFALL

Season to date	18.10"
Last season to date	12.85"
Normal to date	14.47"
Yesterday (24 hours ending 5 p.m.)	0.00"

Season normal: 18.61 ■ Season begins July 1

▶ Air and sky

SUN/MOON

Sunrise today, 6:34 a.m.; sunset 6:02 p.m.; moonrise 5:58 a.m.; moonset 4:45 p.m.

New	First Q	Full	Last Q
Mar 5	Mar 12	Mar 19	Mar 27

WHAT'S UP IN THE SKY?

Jupiter at 7 p.m. glows 13° south of west, 34° above the horizon with Mars to Jupiter's lower right, 17° from him, and Saturn 9° from Jupiter, to Jupiter's upper left. (Without its thumb your fist at arm's length spans about 10°.)

– H.W. Breer

AIR QUALITY

Yesterday	Today's forecast
34 Good	27 Good

201+ Very unhealthy
151-200 Unhealthy
101-150 Unhealthy for sensitive groups
51-100 Moderate
0-50 Good

Help improve the air quality in the Sacramento region. For air quality information, call (916) 874-4801 or log on to www.sparetheair.com

ULTRAVIOLET INDEX

Sacramento: 4 low
Lake Tahoe: 4 low
San Francisco: 4 low

POLLEN COUNT

Grasses: Absent
Trees: high pine
Molds: moderate
powdery mildew
Weeds: Absent

– Dr. Frederick Hoffman

▶ California

Sacramento Valley: Increasing clouds followed by showers today. Highs 60-65. Showers and perhaps a rumble of thunder tonight. Lows 38-45.

	Yesterday H/L	Prcp.	Today H/L	Sky
Chico	72/37		62/42	sh
Davis	62/36		64/43	sh
Elk Grove/Laguna	61/37		62/42	sh
Folsom	62/42		62/45	sh
Galt	61/37		63/44	sh
Marysville	62/40		62/42	sh
Oroville	61/36		61/41	sh
Red Bluff	71/40		62/38	sh
Redding	71/40		62/40	r
Roseville	63/43		62/44	sh
Sacramento	66/40		63/44	sh
Sac (Exec Airport)	61/37		62/45	sh
Vacaville/Fairfield	64/37	0.02	61/43	sh
Woodland	63/40		61/43	sh

Mother Lode: Increasing clouds today; showers will arrive. Highs 55-60. Cool with showers tonight, mixed with snow in higher spots. Lows 35-40.

	Yesterday H/L	Prcp.	Today H/L	Sky
Auburn	58/39		58/37	pc
Nevada City	57/40		57/36	pc
Jackson	56/37		58/39	pc
Placerville	58/40		59/38	pc
Sonora	57/33		60/40	pc

Sierra Nevada: Turning cloudy north today with some snow later on; partly sunny central and south. Highs 40-56.

	Yesterday H/L	Prcp.	Today H/L	Sky
Blue Canyon	51/33		50/28	pc
Mammoth Lakes	40/13	0.04	46/25	pc
S. Lake Tahoe	50/27		49/26	pc
Truckee	44/22		50/26	pc
Yosemite Valley	44/28		56/34	pc

Bay Area: Turning out cloudy today; afternoon showers. Highs 56-63. Variable cloudiness tonight with a few showers. Lows 42-50.

	Yesterday H/L	Prcp.	Today H/L	Sky
Bodega Bay	64/37		58/43	sh
Concord	64/41		62/45	sh
Napa	65/38 0.17		59/43	sh
Oakland	61/40	Tr	59/47	sh
Redwood City	60/44		59/48	sh
San Francisco	60/44		58/46	sh
San Jose	64/45 0.04		63/47	sh
Santa Cruz	66/42		61/45	sh
Santa Rosa	65/36		59/43	sh

San Joaquin Valley: A mixture of clouds and sunshine today; a couple of showers will move into northern areas this afternoon. Highs 62-68.

	Yesterday H/L	Prcp.	Today H/L	Sky
Bakersfield	50/47 0.44		64/46	pc
Fresno	60/46 0.02		68/48	pc
Modesto	63/37	Tr	64/44	pc
Stockton	63/37 0.01		63/44	sh

Central Coast: Increasing cloudiness today; showers will move into northern areas this afternoon. Highs 60-66. Lows tonight 42-48.

	Yesterday H/L	Prcp.	Today H/L	Sky
Monterey	63/43		60/44	sh
Paso Robles	64/44 0.31		63/42	pc
Salinas	62/43 0.02		61/42	sh
San Luis Obispo	64/47 0.07		62/44	pc
Santa Barbara	62/51 0.53		64/47	pc

Northwest California: Cloudy with showers today. Highs 52-58. A few showers tonight; chilly. Snow level lower to 2,500 feet. Lows 35-40.

	Yesterday H/L	Prcp.	Today H/L	Sky
Crescent City	54/36		53/37	sh
Eureka	56/36		54/38	sh
Fort Bragg	56/39		54/38	sh
Ukiah	66/37		59/38	sh

Northeast: Mostly cloudy today with a few showers; snow level will lower to 4,500 feet. Highs 48-54.

	Yesterday H/L	Prcp.	Today H/L	Sky
Alturas	55/25 0.01		50/28	sh
Mt. Shasta	53/30		51/28	sh
Quincy	52/31		52/34	sh
Susanville	48/31		52/30	sh
Yreka	55/27		54/30	sh

Southern California: Clouds, sun and a few showers and a thundershower; snow level 5,500 feet. Highs 60-65 basin, 40-52 mountains, 57-76 deserts.

	Yesterday H/L	Prcp.	Today H/L	Sky
Anaheim	62/48		63/48	pc
Burbank	60/50		63/49	pc
Death Valley	82/59		76/53	sh
Los Angeles	59/49		64/52	pc
Palm Springs	69/57		70/51	pc
Riverside	63/51		62/46	sh
San Diego	58/54 0.01		62/52	sh

▶ Water

MARINE FORECAST

■ **Central Valley rivers:** Winds north at 8-16 knots today.

■ **West Delta and San Francisco Bay:** Winds northwest at 12-22 knots today.

Sacramento River heights, times of high, low waters.

■ **I Street Bridge:** Friday's stage 22.7 at 7 a.m. Today: 22.5 at 7 a.m. Sunday 22.5 at 7 a.m.

■ **Rio Vista:** Friday's stage 4.0 at 9:30 p.m. Today: 6.7 at 3:45 a.m., 5.1 at 9 a.m., 7.3 at 2:30 p.m., 4.0 at 10 p.m. Sunday 6.7 at 4:15 a.m.

WATER STORAGE

As of 6 a.m. Friday.

■ **SACRAMENTO RIVER**

Shasta Dam — Capacity 4,552,100 acre-feet; elevation 1039.94 feet; inflow 27,280 cfs; outflow 45,106 cfs; storage 3,791,001; storage year ago this date 3,722,170 acre-feet.

Keswick Dam — Capacity 23,800 acre-feet; elevation 581.18 feet; inflow 46,574 cfs; outflow 47,241 cfs; storage 20,205; storage year ago this date 21,175 acre-feet.

■ **TRINITY RIVER**

Trinity Dam — Capacity 2,448,000 acre-feet; elevation 2351.05 feet; inflow 4,304 cfs; outflow 5,040 cfs; storage 2,149,729; storage year ago this date 2,018,341 acre-feet.

■ **AMERICAN RIVER**

Folsom Dam — Capacity 975,000 acre-feet; elevation 427.39 ft.; inflow 10,024 cfs; outflow 11,612 cfs; storage 590,592; storage year ago this date 505,592 acre-feet.

Nimbus Dam — Capacity 8,800 acre-feet; elevation 122.94 feet; inflow 11,469 cfs; outflow 11,573 cfs; storage 7,764; storage year ago this date 7,823 acre-feet.

■ **FEATHER RIVER**

Oroville Dam — Capacity 3,538,000 acre-feet; elevation 846.49 feet; inflow 14,091 cfs; outflow 15,116 cfs; storage 2,761,546; storage year ago this date 2,817,347 acre-feet.

State Dept. of Water Resources

SNOW DEPTHS (in inches, as of 7 a.m. Friday)

Blue Canyon	N/A	Echo Summit	83	Squaw Valley	190
Carson Pass	136	Incline Village	28	Tahoe City	14
Donner Pass	123	Mammoth Mt.	211	Truckee	9
Ebbetts Pass	N/A	S. Lake Tahoe	8	Yuba Pass	84

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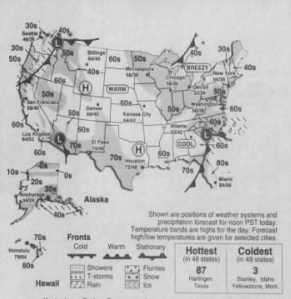

Shown are positions of weather systems and precipitation forecast for noon PST today. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

	Yesterday H/L	Prcp.	Today H/L	Sky	Tomorrow H/L	Sky
Albuquerque	62/31		68/41 s		61/38 r	
Anchorage	38/27	Tr	34/24 sf		34/24 sn	
Asheville, NC	63/36	Tr	48/33 sn		66/37 s	
Atlanta	71/46	Tr	62/42 r		70/48 s	
Atlantic City	51/35		56/32 s		57/32 s	
Austin, TX	71/51		68/47 s		68/57 sh	
Baltimore	53/33		58/34 s		60/39 s	
Billings, MT	38/24		64/40 s		58/38 sh	
Birmingham	67/45	0.07	64/38 sh		71/48 s	
Bismarck, ND	18/24		61/35 s		60/37 pc	
Boise, ID	55/30		62/36 pc		52/28 r	
Boston	47/34		50/32 pc		54/35 s	
Brownsville, TX	85/69		74/60 c		76/63 r	
Buffalo	39/25	Tr	46/28 pc		44/34 c	
Burlington, VT	29/28	0.08	41/24 pc		42/27 r	
Casper, WY	56/25		63/40 s		63/35 sh	
Charleston, SC	68/42		62/44 sh		70/51 s	
Charleston, WV	48/24		58/35 pc		65/39 s	
Charlotte, NC	62/30		50/40 sh		69/47 s	
Cheyenne, WY	56/24	Tr	66/37 s		59/33 sh	
Chicago	48/22		56/34 s		60/42 s	
Cincinnati	46/28		58/38 s		63/41 s	
Cleveland	43/21		54/32 s		54/36 pc	
Colo. Springs	53/22		72/38 s		61/36 sh	
Columbia, SC	68/35		56/40 r		71/43 s	
Columbus, OH	50/23		56/32 s		58/38 s	
Concord, NH	39/33		46/18 pc		42/25 c	
Dallas-Ft Worth	52/48	0.15	66/46 s		67/53 r	
Dayton, OH	46/24		56/34 s		59/40 s	
Denver	55/23	0.02	68/40 s		64/39 sh	
Des Moines	50/31		61/40 s		64/44 h	
Detroit	50/24		52/34 s		56/38 pc	
Duluth, MN	55/25		51/31 s		55/36 pc	
El Paso	70/36		74/46 s		69/45 pc	
Eugene, OR	54/36		50/33 r		50/32 pc	
Fairbanks	34/4		34/9 pc		31/6 c	
Fargo, ND	61/31		59/39 s		59/40 pc	
Flagstaff, AZ	54/22		51/29 pc		40/26 sn	
Grand Junction	58/29		69/46 s		58/41 r	
Great Falls, MT	41/31		61/35 pc		45/27 sh	
Hartford	43/31		52/27 pc		50/33 c	
Helena, MT	35/30		55/35 pc		51/29 r	
Honolulu	83/65		79/64 pc		79/66 pc	
Houston	76/53		72/48 s		68/56 r	
Indianapolis	45/30		57/35 s		62/41 s	
Jackson, MS	61/33		64/40 s		69/50 s	
Juneau	40/35	0.49	37/30 sn		39/29 pc	
Kansas City	42/33	0.40	64/42 s		69/48 pc	
Las Vegas	68/44		68/47 pc		60/45 pc	
Little Rock	63/46	0.35	62/42 s		67/48 s	
Louisville	43/28	0.11	58/38 s		66/44 s	
Madison, WI	45/18		58/30 s		61/37 s	
Medford, OR	55/33		55/32 sh		54/30 pc	
Memphis	64/46	0.07	60/42 s		68/49 s	
Miami	82/62		82/62 s		84/68 s	
Milwaukee	45/22		56/38 s		58/39 s	
Minneapolis	35/27		56/36 s		64/42 pc	
Nashville	60/43	0.01	60/38 s		68/45 s	
New Orleans	78/61		65/48 s		67/56 pc	
New York	49/35		54/39 s		54/38 pc	
Newark	49/35		54/36 s		59/39 pc	
Norfolk	55/40		59/44 s		62/43 s	
Oklahoma City	45/39	0.09	66/44 s		65/51 pc	
Omaha	54/33		64/34 s		69/45 s	
Orlando	81/61		82/60 sh		78/53 s	
Philadelphia	52/37		56/36 s		56/38 s	
Phoenix	79/50		75/53 s		68/50 c	
Pittsburgh	47/25		54/32 s		57/38 pc	
Portland, ME	43/33	0.05	46/24 pc		43/30 c	
Portland, OR	49/36	0.02	50/34 sh		51/35 pc	
Providence	47/32		52/30 pc		55/34 pc	
Raleigh, NC	61/33		54/36 r		68/43 s	
Rapid City, SD	64/26		69/38 s		69/36 sh	
Reno	54/33	0.12	58/35 pc		45/26 sh	
Richmond	58/35		57/38 s		62/41 s	
St. Louis	39/33	0.24	58/44 s		67/48 s	
Salt Lake City	52/31		64/47 s		56/35 r	
San Antonio	75/58		70/50 s		69/59 sh	
Santa Fe	56/22		62/34 s		62/34 s	
St. Ste. Marie	36/23		44/21 sh		46/29 c	
Seattle	45/41	0.09	48/36 sh		49/34 pc	
Shreveport, LA	63/55	Tr	65/42 s		65/50 pc	
Sioux Falls, SD	60/20		60/38 s		64/40 pc	
Spokane	47/38		46/30 sh		44/30 sh	
Springfield, IL	41/31	Tr	56/36 s		65/43 s	
Syracuse	37/28	0.03	45/28 pc		44/30 sn	
Tallahassee	82/45		72/43 sh		76/48 s	
Tampa-St. Pete	78/65		73/54 pc		75/55 s	
Tucson	81/43		76/40 pc		64/45 r	
Tulsa	43/42	0.42	66/48 s		67/52 pc	
Washington	54/35		56/38 s		62/40 s	
Wichita	48/35	0.13	66/44 s		67/50 pc	
Wilmington, DE	51/35		58/34 s		58/38 s	
Yakima, WA	49/27	Tr	47/27 sh		48/27 sh	

Legend: s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice. Prcp.-Precipitation, Tr-Trace.

▶ World

Today's forecast	H/L	Sky		H/L	Sky		H/L	Sky
Acapulco	88/70	s	Copenhagen	39/19	pc	Moscow	34/32	sn
Amsterdam	36/28	sn	Delhi	86/47	s	Paris	41/25	pc
Athens	59/47	s	Dublin	40/37	r	Rio de Janeiro	84/73	pc
Auckland	76/62	s	Edmonton	39/13	sn	Rome	61/43	pc
Bangkok	89/78	pc	Frankfurt	34/22	sn	Sarajevo	40/30	sn
Beijing	53/30	s	Geneva	43/22	sn	Seoul	55/32	pc
Berlin	37/25	sf	Hong Kong	77/66	pc	Singapore	91/78	pc
Bogota	72/46	c	Jerusalem	53/37	s	Stockholm	27/15	sn
Budapest	47/30	r	London	39/27	pc	Sydney	84/68	pc
Buenos Aires	84/70	pc	Madrid	64/41	pc	Tokyo	57/52	r
Cabo San Lucas	78/52	pc	Manila	87/77	sh	Toronto	43/25	pc
Cairo	69/46	s	Mazatlan	81/63	c	Vancouver	46/30	pc
Calgary	36/22	sn	Mexico City	75/48	pc	Vienna	45/27	sh
Cancun	84/66	pc	Montreal	40/25	pc	Warsaw	41/27	sn

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